

1997/98 LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT GRANT AWARDS

One hundred ninety-seven projects were completed by local jurisdictions and cooperative library systems under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) in federal fiscal year 1997/98. These projects began October 1, 1997, and concluded September 30, 1998, reflecting the needs and priorities of individual grant applicants for that period.

LIBRARY SERVICES

California Conservation Corps (CCC), Sacramento

\$173,923

LIBRARY PROJECT

The educational, informational, literacy, computing instruction, and recreational reading needs of underserved Corpsmembers statewide were addressed by the implementation of basic library services, including an automated system, in six of 22 facilities.

Contact: Jennie Verardo, Manager, Corpsmember Development Branch, California Conservation Corps, 1719 24th St., Sacramento, CA, 95816, tel. (916) 341-3159.

California State Department of Conservation, Sacramento

\$11,367

CALIFORNIA GOLD MINES: A SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE CD-ROM

A CD-ROM comprised of 300 black and white photographs of gold mining with descriptive text was created and distributed in part to commemorate California's sesquicentennial.

Contact: Rosemary Guerin-Place, California State Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology Library, 801 K Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814-3532, tel. (916) 327-1851.

California State University, Sacramento, Center for California Studies

\$10,000

TENTH ANNUAL "ENVISIONING CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE"

Partial funding was provided for the Tenth Annual "Envisioning California Conference," which included a panel on "Proposition 13 and California public libraries," with co-sponsorship by the CSUS Library. This project provided an important forum for review of major policy issues in California as a state undergoing profound transformations.

Contact: Jacquelyn M. Blackwelder, Director, CSUS Foundation, California State University, Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA, 95819-6063, tel. (916) 278-6906.

Cerritos Public Library**\$114,400****LIBRIS DESIGN II**

LIBRIS is a microcomputer software suite and a generalized database of functional requirements information and documentation, useful for planning and managing public library construction projects, including methods for designing buildings more responsive to the needs of people having difficulty physically using library facilities.

Contact: Waynn Pearson, Director, Cerritos Public Library, 18025 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA, 90703-8525, tel. (562) 916-1350.

Corona Public Library**\$25, 860****PRESERVATION OF PACKING HOUSE RECORDS**

This project preserved and provided finding aids for unique archival records of packinghouses that document the development and growth of the California citrus industry and the community.

Contact: Howard Curtis, Director, Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street, Corona, CA, 91720-3417, tel. (909) 736-2384.

Escondido Public Library**\$20,515****READ TO ME**

This grant supported on-site literacy and basic library service for families sheltered in a women's shelter, provided a parental reading and educational curriculum, and trained adult literacy tutors who worked with ethnically diverse learners.

Contact: Laura Mitchell, City Librarian, Escondido Public Library, 239 S. Kalmia Street, Escondido, CA, 92025-2798, tel. (760) 741-4601.

49-99 Cooperative Library System, Stockton**\$183,926****ELECTRONIC INTERCONNECTIVITY PROJECT (EIP)**

A virtual union catalog linking 17 member libraries was initiated in this multi-year project to install and operate full telecommunications interconnectivity, expand electronic access, and improve regional cooperation in California's Central Valley and Sierra Nevada foothills.

Contact: Darla Gunning, 49-99 Cooperative Library System, 605 North El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA, 95202-1999, tel. (209) 937-8698.

Lake County Library**\$20,000****PARTNERSHIP FOR LITERACY**

Joining with the Lake County Office of Education, the Lake County Library provided literacy tutoring and Families for Literacy services for inmates at a correctional facility in Lakeport.

Contact: Kathleen Jansen, Director, Lake County Library, 1425 North High Street, Lakeport, CA, 95453-3800, tel. (707) 263-7456.

Livermore Public Library**\$40,523****LOCAL HISTORY ON-LINE**

By digitally preserving a unique local newspaper index and placing it on a CD-ROM, this project made local resources more accessible in Livermore and throughout the state.

Contact: Susan Gallinger, Director, Livermore Public Library, 1000 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA, 94550-4813, tel. (925) 373-5500.

Mendocino County Library**\$711****COMPUTER LITERACY FOR SENIORS**

While implementing a plan to train seniors to access the library's online catalog and countywide electronic information created by the library, this project encountered organizational obstacles and was deferred for one year.

Contact: Henry Bates, Director, Mendocino County Library, 105 North Main Street, Ukiah, CA, 95482-4482, tel. (707) 463-4491.

Menlo Park Public Library**\$42,000****SERVICES TO THE ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PATRON**

A collaborative effort of the city, the library and a school district in Menlo Park provided educational opportunities and expanded ESL (English-as-a-Second Language) library services to patrons, including adults, youth, and families.

Contact: Karen Fredrickson, Director, Project Read, Menlo Park Public Library, 800 Alma Street, Menlo Park, CA, 94025-3460, tel. (650) 858-3460.

Mills College Library, Oakland

\$6,215

DISASTER RESPONSE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

A group of 14 San Francisco Bay Area libraries used LSTA funds to augment elements of a mutual aid plan that will assist libraries throughout the 14-county area in the event of a disaster.

Contact: Renee Jadushlever, Director, Olin Library, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, CA, 94613, tel. (510) 430-2033.

Mountain Valley Library System, Sacramento

\$199,100

ELECTRONIC CONNECTIVITY PROJECT (ECP)

The ECP acquired a super-server computer to link the online catalogs of 12 member libraries and provide off-site patrons having access to the Internet with integrated library access.

Contact: Gerald Maginnity, Coordinator, Mountain Valley Library System, 828 I Street, Suite 524, Sacramento, CA, 95814, tel. (916) 264-2722.

Mountain Valley Library System, Sacramento

\$71,476

NORCAL VIDEO LINK (NCVL)

Ten public and academic libraries and two cooperative system offices in northern California used desktop videoconferencing technology to provide training and continuing education of library staff and 11 on-site programs of direct public benefit.

Contact: Gerald Maginnity, Coordinator, Mountain Valley Library System, 828 I Street, Suite 524, Sacramento, CA, 95814, tel. (916) 264-2722.

Mountain Valley Library System, Sacramento

\$78,000

REGIONAL DIGITIZATION CENTER

The Regional Digitization Center was developed as a pilot facility to address the needs of California's public libraries relative to the digitization of library resources. The objective was to scan and process 1,000 regionally-important items of Californiana in both film and paper formats in order to base the facility on real production requirements and identify appropriate standards.

Contact: Gerald Maginnity, Coordinator, Mountain Valley Library System, 828 I Street, Suite 524, Sacramento, CA, 95814, tel. (916) 264-2722.

National City Public Library

\$73,180

COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTER

Training and access to essential information through the use of technology was provided to clients with the goal of increasing awareness of technology and providing employment skills within the community.

Contact: Anne Campbell, City Librarian, National City Public Library, 200 East 12th Street, National City, CA, 91950-3314, tel. (619) 336-4280.

North State Cooperative Library System, Willows

\$78,781

REGIONAL YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

This project focused on developing services for underserved young adults, ages 13-18, in 13 Northern California libraries.

Contact: James Kirks, Coordinator, North State Cooperative Library System, 259 North Villa Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988-2607, tel. (530) 934-2173.

Oakland Public Library

\$35,309

LITERACY FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

A municipal court judge stimulated the formation of a project to provide basic literacy and computer instruction to youthful offenders between the ages of 16-24 referred to a local Second Start Adult Literacy Program.

Contact: Billie Dancy, Director, Oakland Public Library, 125 14th Street, Oakland, CA, 94612-4397, tel. (510) 238-3281.

Oxnard Public Library

\$7,292

JUNIOR INFORMATION NAVIGATORS

A ten-week basic library research skills program increased library literacy skills among the community's youth-at-risk.

Contact: Cathy Thomason, Library Public Services Program, Oxnard Public Library, 251 South A Street, Oxnard, CA, 93030-5750, tel. (805) 385-7500.

Palm Springs Public Library**\$222,640****LIBRARY VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY**

The Public Library Virtual University extended traditional library services by offering real-time, full-motion distance learning opportunities to the public through an interactive video conferencing network centered in the library.

Contact: Henry Weiss, City Librarian, Palm Springs Public Library, 300 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA, 92262-7699, tel. (760) 322-7323.

Peninsula Library System, San Mateo**\$303,757****STEPS TOWARD LINKING REGION II**

A common point of online entry to the full range of library resources within the greater San Francisco Bay area is being created through new electronic server and telecommunications technologies, giving people wider access and faster services. Libraries in 14 counties are participating.

Contact: Linda Crowe, Coordinator, Peninsula Library System, 25 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA, 94402-4000, tel. (650) 349-5538.

Riverside Public Library**\$66,837****EASTSIDE CYBRARY CONNECTION**

The Eastside Cybrary Connection is a collaborative that was formed to establish a storefront library which provided computer training and online catalog access for low-income children and their families where no such service currently existed.

Contact: Judith Auth, Director, Riverside Public Library, 3581 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA, 92501, tel. (909) 782-5213.

San Bernardino Public Library**\$57,037****AUTOMATION CONVERSION PROJECT**

The conversion of 36,000 retrospective library catalog records improved local access and service while positioning the library to participate in growing cooperative technological linkages among libraries.

Contact: Ophelia Roop, Director, San Bernardino Public Library, 555 West Sixth Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92410-3094, tel. (909) 381-8201.

San Francisco Performing Arts Library & Museum

\$9,784

PRESERVATION OF AND ACCESS TO THEATER VIDEOS

A collection of materials documenting 255 rare Bay Area theater productions, including videotapes, was preserved and cataloged to make the materials available for statewide use.

Contact: Kirsten Tanaka, San Francisco Performing Arts Library & Museum, 399 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA, 94102-4418, tel. (415) 255-4800.

San Joaquin Valley Library System, Fresno

\$166,337

CALIFORNIA OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFERENCE EXCELLENCE (CORE) 9

This project supported 50 in-service training workshops for library staff in delivering effective public service, concentrating on improving the quality of information services rendered by librarians to the public in topical areas such as government information.

Contact: John Kallenberg, Director, Fresno County Library, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, CA, 93721-2285, tel. (209) 488-3185.

San Leandro Public Library

\$22,969

TUTORING ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (T.E.A.M.S.)

An after-school center to furnish supplemental tutoring that met basic educational needs of limited-English-proficiency and minority, at-risk youth (grades 3-8) was operated through this cooperative project involving a school district and the public library.

Contact: David Bohne, Director, San Leandro Public Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro, CA, 94577-4783, tel. (510) 577-3480.

San Rafael Public Library

\$84,277

LITERACY WORKS!

The Literacy Works! project is a joint program of the library, the neighboring Marin County Library, and affiliated literacy agencies that developed and field-tested a curriculum serving low-literate adults seeking employment opportunities.

Contact: Vaughn Stratford, Director, San Rafael Public Library, 110 E Street, San Rafael, CA, 94901-1900, tel. (415) 485-3321.

Santa Clara County Library**\$102,082****TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

The Santa Clara County Library furnished low-literate, less-educated, and other patrons with access to information via instruction in use of the library, training in technology, and writing practice; training was provided for tutors and literacy providers through modes such as the local Reading Program's Web sites.

Contact: Susan Fuller, Director, Santa Clara County Library, 1095 North 7th Street, San Jose, CA, 95112-4446, tel. (408) 293-2326.

St. Helena Public Library**\$25,000****TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT FOR YOUTH**

To assure readiness on "opening day," computer technology was acquired for a new library building having separate children's and teen's rooms in order to encourage users to acquire skills in accessing the online catalog, the Internet, and other software.

Contact: Clayla Davis, Director, St. Helena Public Library, 1492 Library Lane, St. Helena, CA, 94574-1143, tel. (707) 963-5244.

University of California at Berkeley**\$68,093****HONEYMAN COLLECTION DIGITAL ARCHIVE**

The Honeyman Collection, one of the world's foremost pictorial collections documenting California history, was digitized so that users can obtain access to it through the Internet.

Contact: Tim Hoyer, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, 94720-6000, tel. (510) 642-1685.

University of California at Berkeley**\$284,089****ONLINE ARCHIVE OF CALIFORNIA**

By developing digital finding aids to text and images in large archival collections in many participating institutions, UC and non-UC, the Online Archive of California project supports the formation of a virtual archive of Californiana searchable from anywhere via the Internet.

Contact: Tim Hoyer, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, 94720-6000, tel. (510) 642-1685.

University of California at Irvine**\$59,246**

LOCAL ONLINE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CENTER (LOGIC)

A coordinated effort among several Orange County (CA) libraries made local government documents accessible electronically to library users via a special Web site.

Contact: Judy Horn, Government Information Department, University of California, Irvine, Library, P. O. Box 19557, Irvine, CA, 92623-9557, tel. (949) 824-5740.

University of California at Los Angeles

\$18,856

PRESERVATION RESOURCE SHARING VIA THE WORLD WIDE WEB

The Los Angeles Preservation Network (LAPNet), an association of preservation librarians, is disseminating preservation information and training content statewide via the Internet, using a Web site at Stanford University as an online forum.

Contact: Prof. Michele Cloonan, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, Box 95-1520, Los Angeles, CA, 90095-1520, tel. (310) 206-9364.

University of California at Santa Barbara

\$9,515

PROYECTO RESCATE

By digitizing and cataloging 500 unique cultural art slides, rare Chicano/Latino resources were preserved and made available through a Web site.

Contact: Sal Guarena, Davidson Library, CEMA, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, 93106-9010, tel. (805) 893-8563.

University of California, Office of the President, Oakland

\$198,043

ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

The UCOP's library planning unit (the California Digital Library) joined with the Library of California program of the State Library to demonstrate the technological, organizational, and financial infrastructure issues involved in delivering electronic content via a Web site integrating a licensed database, UC collections, and the Internet. Access was provided through the CDL to 30 participant libraries statewide. A second purpose was to evaluate costs and benefits, identify a model for future expanded service, and analyze the economic and intellectual benefits realized through collaboration between the two institutions and the participants.

Contact: Beverlee French, Associate Director, Shared Collections and Services, Office of the President, University of California, California Digital Library, 300 Lakeside Drive, 21st Floor, Oakland, CA, 94612-3550, tel. (510) 987-0239.

Ventura County Library Services Agency

\$20,797

LINKED SYSTEMS PROJECT

Gateway equipment was acquired to upgrade the Ventura County Library's computer to allow for "broadcast searching" (automated searching through multiple remote catalogs in a network, on the basis of a single request to the Ventura Online Catalog) and provide the basis for electronic resource-sharing among seven libraries in the Black Gold Cooperative Library System.

Contact: Richard Rowe, Director, Ventura County Library Services Agency, 800 South Victoria Avenue, #L1950, Ventura, CA, 93009-1950, tel. (805) 662-6756.

Ventura County Library Services Agency **\$21,050**

PROJECT BOOKS

This project helped incarcerated parents increase their awareness and skills in promoting literacy in the lives of their own young children, while at the same time improving their own reading proficiency; LSTA funds enhanced locally funded efforts at the Ojai Honor Farm.

Contact: Patricia Flanigan, Adult Literacy Program Manager, Reading for Adults, Ventura County Library Services Agency, Ray D. Preuter Library, 510 Park Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA, 93041, tel. (805) 385-6374.

Ventura County Library Services Agency **\$37,730**

SCHOOLINKS HOMEWORK CENTERS

The existing SchoolLinks Homework Center for grades 1-12, a public-private partnership at the Ojai Library, was implemented at two additional libraries to enable students to acquire life-long learning skills through information technology, homework mentoring, and volunteer training.

Contact: Richard Rowe, Director, Ventura County Library Services Agency, 800 South Victoria Avenue, #L1950, Ventura, CA, 93009-1950, tel. (805) 662-6756.

Whittier Public Library **\$35,905**

ELECTRONIC LIBRARY RESOURCE TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

A program of in-library Internet training and use of other resources for 24 teachers and 500 students (K-14) shares effective ways to obtain information, both on- and offline, to improve their research competency.

Contact: Margaret Todd, Director, Whittier Public Library, 7344 South Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA, 90602-1778, tel. (562) 464-3452.

Whittier Public Library**\$25,824****WHITTIER HILLS ARCHIVES PROJECT**

The Whittier Hills Archives Project organized, cataloged, and preserved local history information on all aspects of the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor for long-term public use.

Contact: Margaret Todd, Director, Whittier Public Library, 7344 South Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA, 90602-1778, tel. (562) 464-3452.

Willows Public Library**\$6,563****TAILGATE LIBRARY**

As an outreach program substituting for a bookmobile, basic library services, including literacy and children's programs, are being delivered via truck to the underserved rural and economically-depressed areas of eastern Glenn County (CA).

Contact: Sharon Barker, Willows Public Library, 201 North Lassen Street, Willows, CA, 95988-2794, tel. (530) 934-5156.

PROGRAMS OF STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE

Bay Area Library and Information System, San Mateo

\$169,290

JOBSMART ONGOING SUPPORT

The library-hosted Jobsmart Web site assisted three million job seekers in finding California employment as well as exploring career and training opportunities. The free service contains reliable and detailed local job market information covering the Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego metropolitan regions. The primary focus of the 1997/98 project was on securing non – LSTA funding for the project, in order to continue it after the grant period, with media partners proving to be the most likely source.

Contact: Mary Ellen Mort, Project Director, Bay Area Library and Information System, 25 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA, 94402-4000, tel. (510) 430-0214.

Los Angeles Public Library

\$375,593

FIRST SOURCE

Over 200 unique and commercial electronic information databases, hosted and made available by the Los Angeles Public Library, are shared online with 13 regional reference centers statewide that provide backup query-handling to patrons of local public libraries.

Contact: Susan Kent, City Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library, 630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90071-2097, tel. (213) 228-7515.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, Pasadena

\$40,148

OUTPUT MEASURES AND MORE

Through this project, three one-day statewide training sessions were held for 225 young adult services staff, emphasizing data collection for service design, use of the Public Library Association planning methodologies, and application of formal output measures tools. The series increased the number of libraries utilizing the tools to assess and develop young adult services, and provided specific examples of how output measures should be used at the local level.

Contact: Bessie Condos Tichauer, Children's and Young Adult Services Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-8293.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, Pasadena

\$105,264

SESSQUICENTENNIAL/LIBRARY CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC EXPERIENCE (CAPE)

This project developed a traveling exhibit for display at one library in each of 58 California counties, that depicts the history and life experiences of Asian Pacific Americans and how their communities contributed to the economic, social, and cultural fabric of the state, as part of California's Sesquicentennial Celebration. In conjunction with a musical show staged first in Los Angeles on the same theme, and funded by other sources, the activity has promoted harmony and understanding among California's diverse groups.

Contact: Kathy Low, Human Resources Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-6822

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, Pasadena

\$40,147

YOUNG ADULT SERVICES STATEWIDE TRAINING

Three one-day training sessions were conducted for 225 young adult services librarians statewide, focusing on promotion and organization of young adult services, strategies for dealing with young adults, and sharing successes in this area.

Contact: Bessie Condos Tichauer, Children's and Young Adult Services Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-8293.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, Pasadena

\$32,997

YOUTH SERVICES FORUM

Four half-day training/informational sessions were held for 300 public library staff members and 75 educators, covering school and public library collaboration on services to youth, with emphasis on homework help, the impact of changes in curriculum on school assignments and reference service in public libraries, and strategies for librarians in working with schools.

Contact: Bessie Condos Tichauer, Children's and Young Adult Services Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-8293.

Mountain Valley Library System, Sacramento

\$55,000

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS' FORUM

A two-day orientation for public library directors was convened April 2-3, 1998. The purpose was to cover a variety of issues, including Internet filters, Universal Service, rural librarianship, state and federal library legislation, telecommunications issues, continuing education needs of library staff and other timely topics.

Contact: Bessie Condos Tichauer, Children's and Young Adult Services Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-8293.

National City Public Library

\$33,000

FAMILIES FOR LITERACY: SYMPOSIUM FOR EVALUATION

A statewide conference was held to review and evaluate California's 57 public library-based Families for Literacy programs. The event served as an occasion to orient new program staff, follow up on a 1997 evaluation, provide staff training on tools such as the well-regarded "Parental Adults Reading, Encouraging, Nurturing, Teaching, Supporting" (PARENTS) curriculum, encourage regional sharing of successful methods, and stimulate formulation of action plans for coming years.

Contact: Anne Campbell, City Librarian, National City Public Library, 200 East 12th Street, National City, CA, 91950-3314, tel. (619) 336-4280.

National City Public Library

\$54,700

LITERACY INITIATIVES VI

This project continued the development of a Learning Network and the electronic linking of California Literacy Campaign programs by the Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN) with each other and other adult education and literacy programs. It also provided travel for Volunteers In Service to America (VISTA) volunteers who supported public library literacy programs throughout the State.

Contact: Anne Campbell, City Librarian, National City Public Library, 200 East 12th Street, National City, CA, 91950-3314, tel. (619) 336-4280.

North State Cooperative Library System, Willows

\$11,000

UNIVERSITY IN THE LIBRARY

In a collaborative outreach undertaking, host public libraries and faculty of the University of California at Davis organized a series of 10 topical public lectures and discussions attended by 600 citizens in public libraries serving geographically isolated communities.

Contact: James Kirks, Coordinator, North State Cooperative Library System (NSCLS), 259 North Villa Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988-2607, tel. (530) 934-2173.

Peninsula Library System, San Mateo

\$50,000

**DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING LIBRARY AND
GOVERNMENT SERVICES THROUGH THE INTERNET**

This project extended online access to the public directly and through their public libraries to state, federal, and local government information via the Internet. A Web site was developed to offer expanded access to Internet tools and resources to assist public library directors and their staffs, as well as local government officials, so they can better respond to public issues, concerns and information needs.

Contact: John H. Jewell, Head of Information Services, California Research Bureau, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-0293.

Peninsula Library System, San Mateo

\$37,290

INFOPEOPLE INDEX TO INTERNET

A universally accessible, high quality, evaluative index was created by librarians to recommend Internet sites to all librarians and other searchers. The new tool expanded a local Librarian's Index to the Internet, begun at Berkeley Public Library, to a statewide cooperative effort using numerous contributing indexers who collectively added 6,240 sites to the Index.

Contact: Mark Parker, Technology Coordinator, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 657-1892.

Peninsula Library System, San Mateo

\$379,500

NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION

“The Library of California,” a cooperative plan to link 8,000 libraries of all types statewide in an electronic resource-sharing network, is now a reality as the result of state funding awarded July 1, 1998. This grant supported statewide conferences to ensure wide understanding of “The Library of California” concept and service potential, staff studies, and publications that led to passage of legislation introduced in the State Legislature and approval by the Governor during 1997/98.

Contact: Barbara Will, Networking Coordinator, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-7071.

Peninsula Library System, San Mateo

\$310,180

SERIALS SERVICE BUREAU OPERATION

The California Database for Serials (CDB-S) was installed at a commercial vendor performing as a service bureau to manage offline product generation and integrate holdings (including California Medical library catalog records) for loading into the online MELVYL composite serials database at the University of California, which in turn provides public access via its Web site. The vendor coordinated participant contributions from 800 public and other libraries to CDB-S and produced a microfiche union list of CDB-S holdings for resale statewide.

Contact: Pat Earnest, Planning Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-7432.

Sacramento Public Library

\$72,900

ACCESS NEWS

People who are blind or print-impaired used their telephones to “read” newspapers provided by synthetic speech in a pilot project serving the greater Sacramento area. Based on its success, the service is being expanded to other major geographic regions of California.

Contact: Donine Hedrick, Head, Braille and Talking Book Library, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 654-6414.

STATEWIDE SERIALS DATABASE SYSTEM REFINEMENT

California has three major union serials databases, none of which were in standard format, and they were incompatible with each other. This project completed tests in the field of the public libraries serials database merged with the University's union serials database and a database representing California medical libraries' serial holdings into a composite file on the MELVYL online catalog at the University of California, thereby standardizing and expanding statewide electronic access to information in periodicals and other journal literature. Evaluation of results and re-design of the system to augment it for Web access proceeded in 1997/98.

Contact: Pat Earnest, Planning Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-7432.

**CONVOCATION ON LIBRARY SERVICES TO CALIFORNIA'S
21ST CENTURY POPULATION – IMPLEMENTATION**

In May of 1997, the State Library convened a “Convocation on Providing Public Library Services to California’s 21st Century Population.” One hundred individuals, representing the library community, government, and communities participated in the event. The attendees reassessed the current status of services to underserved populations, and drafted recommendations for services to them and to other populations in the next century. As a result of the Convocation, 33 recommendations were drafted and prioritized. Three of these were implemented in 1997/98, as described below.

Contact: Kathy Low, Human Resources Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-6822.

Mountain Valley Library System, Sacramento

\$46,596

**CONVOCATION PROJECT #1: IMPROVING SERVICE TO
UNDERSERVED ASIAN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS (SUPPORT)**

Guidelines for provision of effective library services to Asian-language speakers who are having difficulty using a library were developed. A task force with expertise in serving the target groups was formed to identify specific action programs to improve service; and a booklet, *Harmony and Diversity: Recommendations for Effective Service to Asian Language Speakers*, was issued to disseminate recommendations to libraries statewide.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, Pasadena

\$16,663

**CONVOCATION PROJECT #2: PROVIDING NON-ENGLISH
LANGUAGE MATERIALS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS (TRAINING)**

To improve services to diverse and underserved, limited or non-English speaking children and adults, and promote coordinated collection development of adult and children’s materials, two training sessions were presented to public library staff on “Overcoming Language and Cultural Barriers.” A companion project provided grants to libraries, half of which was spent on purchase of adult materials in the designated language, and the remaining half on children’s materials in the same language.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, Pasadena

\$17,044

CONVOCATION PROJECT #3: IMPROVING LIBRARY ACCESS TO ALL THROUGH LIBRARY EDUCATION

The objective of this project was to improve public library services to diverse and underserved populations through initiation of internships, mentorships, and funding of library education by recruitment and continuing education of qualified library staff possessing appropriate skills and knowledge to serve these target groups. Activities included formation of an advisory team, discussion in six focus groups of desirable approaches to attain the goal, a survey of all California public library directors, and creation of a prioritized planning framework for the program, that would guide implementation of community-centered staffing.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS WITH MULTIPLE RECIPIENTS

Mountain Valley Library System, Sacramento

Field Grants	\$161,748
Support Grant	\$34,540

BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

This program supported the organization, implementation, or revitalization of public library foundations and other fund-raising efforts that involve interested citizens in 16 communities.

Participating libraries included:

Alameda Public Library	Mill Valley Public Library
Alhambra Public Library	Palmdale Public Library
Azusa Public Library	Palos Verdes Public Library
Chula Vista Public Library	Sacramento Public Library
Contra Costa County Public Library	Siskiyou County Public Library
Hemet Public Library	Sonoma County Public Library
Kings County Public Library	Tulare County Public Library
Marin County Public Library	Whittier Public Library

Contact: Jay Cunningham, LSTA Coordinator, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-8112.

Mountain Valley Library System, Sacramento

Field Grants	\$45,232
Support Grant	\$84,044

SHADES OF CALIFORNIA

Extending a well-regarded local, privately-funded program successfully conducted at Los Angeles Public Library (“Shades of LA”) and subsequently featured with further private funding at three other libraries, the statewide Shades of California program documented the social and cultural history of the state through collecting and copying personal and family photographs and artifacts that recorded the daily lives and contributions of diverse communities. In 1997/98, nine public libraries served as the hubs for acquisition and assembly of exhibits of these materials.

Grants awarded included:

Berkeley Public Library
Corona Public Library
Escondido Public Library
Folsom Public Library
Kern County Public Library

Madera County Public Library
Monterey Public Library
Oxnard Public Library
Riverside Public Library

Contact: Al Bennett, Literacy Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-7743.

Silicon Valley Library System, San Mateo

\$121,770

COMMON GROUND

This project implemented 47 public discussion forums in the public libraries of 36 communities around the state, stimulating and supporting widespread discussion and understanding among ordinary citizens of public policy issues, such as welfare reform, environmental risks, immigration, and juvenile violence. The forums were organized by a partnership involving newspapers such as the San Jose Mercury News and held in neutral settings in cooperating public libraries with assistance by professional moderators.

Participating libraries included:

Alameda City Public Library
Alhambra Public Library
Azusa Public Library
Berkeley Public Library
Contra Costa County Public Library:
 Orinda Branch
 San Ramon Branch
 Walnut Creek Branch
County of Los Angeles Public Library:
 Compton Branch
 Gardena Public Library
 Huntington Park Public Library
 La Puente Public Library
 Paramount Public Library
 Woodcrest Branch
Covina Public Library
Del Norte County Library District
Downey Public Library
Fullerton Public Library
Glendale Public Library

Mission Viejo Public Library
Monterey Park, Bruggemeyer Memorial Library
Newport Beach Public Library
Oakland Public Library
Pasadena Public Library
Placentia Public Library
Redding Public Library
Riverside Public Library
San Anselmo Public Library
San Diego Public Library
San Mateo Public Library
Santa Ana Public Library
Santa Clara County Public Library:
 Saratoga Branch
Sierra Madre Public Library
Solano County Public Library
South San Francisco Public Library
Solano County Public Library
Tehama County Library
Whittier Public Library

Contact: Barbara Will, Networking Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-7071.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, Pasadena

Field Grants

\$205,200

Support Grant

\$35,200

GRANDPARENTS AND BOOKS

The Grandparents and Books program established intergenerational collaborative programs in 34 public libraries, where volunteer elders read to school-age and latchkey children on a one-to-one or group basis in the libraries.

Participating libraries included:

Anaheim Public Library:

Canyon Hills Branch

Sunkist Branch

Berkeley Public Library

Butte County Public Library

Calaveras County Public Library

Fresno County Public Library:

Caruthers Branch

Sunnyside Branch

Humboldt County Public Library:

Fortuna Branch

Garberville Branch

Kern County Public Library

Kings County Public Library

Los Angeles Public Library:

Robertson Branch

Wilmington Branch

County of Los Angeles Public Library:

Alondra Branch

Masao Satow Branch

Los Gatos Public Library

Orange County Public Library:

Laguna Beach Branch

Westminster Branch

Paso Robles Public Library

Riverside County Public Library:

Cathedral City Branch

Indio Branch

LaQuinta Branch

San Bernardino County Public Library:

Lucerne Branch

Victorville Branch

San Jose Public Library

Solano County Public Library:

Springtowne Branch

Vacaville Branch

Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library

Sutter County Public Library

Tuolumne County Public Library

Ventura County Public Library:

Moorpark Branch

H.P. Wright Branch

Whittier Public Library

Yuba County Public Library

Contact: Bessie Condos Tichauer, Children's and Young Adult Services Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-8293.

**INFOPEOPLE PROGRAM SUPPORT -
TRAINING, SUPPORT & TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, Pasadena

\$636,405

COMPONENT A: TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Peninsula Library System, San Mateo

\$225,153

COMPONENT B: TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The overall goals of this program are to insure that all Californians have access to the Internet and World Wide Web in order to reduce inequities in public access to information resources. The project supports core on-line facilities for that purpose in all California public libraries. To implement that goal, these grants provided training and technical assistance to staff and community partners in 89 California public libraries, and provided initial Internet connectivity.

Libraries participating in the INFOPEOPLE program are listed on the project's home page at [<http://infopeople.berkeley.edu:8000/liblist.html>](http://infopeople.berkeley.edu:8000/liblist.html).

Contact: Mark Parker, Technology Coordinator, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 657-1892.

MAJOR URBAN RESOURCE LIBRARIES

Public libraries serving cities having a population of 100,000 or more people, as identified and listed by the U.S. Department of Education, were eligible for the MURL (Major Urban Resource Library) designation and were qualified for MURL grants in 1997/98 for the last time, due to the expiration of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA). These grants were for the purchase of library materials that further the goals and objectives of the Statewide Coordinated Collection Development Program prepared jointly by the MURL jurisdictions in 1994 and updated in 1995.

Grant expenditures include:

Alameda County Library (Fremont)	\$27,529
---	-----------------

Collection development focus: technology, business, international languages

Anaheim Public Library	\$42,310
-------------------------------	-----------------

Collection development focus: business/employment

Berkeley Public Library	\$12,031
--------------------------------	-----------------

Collection development focus: consumer health, business, law

Chula Vista Public Library	\$22,383
-----------------------------------	-----------------

Collection development focus: jobs/careers/business, international languages

Contra Costa County Library (Concord)	\$16,779
--	-----------------

Collection development focus: business/job seeking, auto repair

County of Los Angeles Public Library (El Monte; Lancaster; Norwalk; Santa Clarita; Valencia; West Covina)	\$82,715
--	-----------------

Collection development focus: business/job search, social issues, self-help, international languages, health

Escondido Public Library	\$17,448
---------------------------------	-----------------

Collection development focus: health, business/employment, circulating software

Fresno County Library (Fresno)	\$57,968
---------------------------------------	-----------------

Collection development focus: applied science and technology, business, literature

Fullerton Public Library	\$17,525
Collection development focus: Asian materials, English as a second language materials, employment	
Glendale Public Library	\$26,766
Collection development focus: technology, business/employment, literacy	
Hayward Public Library	\$17,320
Collection development focus: international languages, business, medicine, auto repair	
Inglewood Public Library	\$16,509
Collection development focus: business, ethnic materials, law, trade journals	
Kern County Library (Bakersfield)	\$28,652
Collection development focus: business, law, periodicals, medical, fine arts	
Long Beach Public Library	\$65,062
Collection development focus: jobs/business, health, international languages	
Los Angeles Public Library	\$517,164
Collection development focus: CD-ROM reference products, online databases	
Oakland Public Library	\$55,025
Collection development focus: international languages, resources for sight-impaired, business	
Oceanside Public Library	\$21,929
Collection development focus: serials, ethnic materials, audiocassettes	
Ontario Public Library	\$20,191
Collection development focus: scientific information, multicultural materials, how-to resources	
Orange County Library (Garden Grove, Irvine/Heritage Park)	\$41,027
Collection development focus: business/jobs, health information	
Orange Public Library	\$17,513
Collection development focus: biographical resources, computer technology, international languages	

Oxnard Public Library	\$21,874
Collection development focus: Spanish language materials, business/jobs	
Palmdale Public Library	\$15,510
Collection development focus: employment, teen social issues, parenting, Spanish language materials	
Pasadena Public Library	\$20,121
Collection development focus: business/employment, consumer health, Spanish language materials, jobs/careers	
Pomona Public Library	\$21,575
Collection development focus: computer technology, business/jobs, genealogy	
Rancho Cucamonga Public Library	\$17,216
Collection development focus: business/jobs	
Riverside County Library (Moreno Valley)	\$20,892
Collection development focus: business/employment, social issues, health, multicultural communication, medicine	
Riverside Public Library	\$36,238
Collection development focus: business, employment, fine arts, science and technology, ethnic studies, health	
Sacramento Public Library	\$56,081
Collection development focus: business, medicine, periodicals	
Salinas Public Library	\$17,968
Collection development focus: agriculture, technology	
San Bernardino County Library (Fontana)	\$15, 557
Collection development focus: technology, jobs, Spanish language	
San Bernardino Public Library	\$27,251
Collection development focus: business, CD-ROM reference tools, ethnic materials	

San Diego Public Library **\$172,754**

Collection development focus: business, technology, ethnic materials

San Francisco Public Library **\$110,116**

Collection development focus: business, international languages

San Jose Public Library **\$122,502**

Collection development focus: business/job search, English-as-a-second-language, medical, materials for the visually impaired

Solano County Library (Vallejo) **\$16,718**

Collection development focus: business/job search, computer technology, auto repair, visually-impaired

Sonoma County Library (Santa Rosa) **\$17,540**

Collection development focus: medicine, home repair, computer technology, business

Stanislaus County Library **\$26,447**

Collection development focus: books-on-tape

Stockton-San Joaquin County Library **\$33,387**

Collection development focus: reference, how-to materials, Spanish and Asian language materials

Sunnyvale Public Library **\$17,933**

Collection development focus: patent/trademark information, business, auto repair, international language materials

Thousand Oaks Library **\$15,813**

Collection development focus: business/careers, Spanish language, Asian languages

Torrance Public Library **\$20,728**

Collection development focus: business/careers, technology

Ventura County Library Services Agency (Simi Valley) **\$16,038**

Collection development focus: jobs/careers, medicine, business

Contact: Barbara Will, Networking Coordinator, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-7071.

NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE MATERIALS GRANT PROGRAM

The Non-English Language Materials program helped public libraries better serve their diverse, limited-English speaking and non-English reading communities. A total of \$299,939 in grants supported the purchase of adult and children's non-English language materials for 34 mostly small, isolated, or rural participating libraries.

Grant recipients included:

Berkeley Public Library: West Branch - Spanish South Branch - Spanish	Bruggemeyer Memorial Library, Monterey Park - Spanish
Butte County Library: Gridley Branch - Spanish	Oceanside Public Library: Bookmobile - Spanish
Chula Vista Public Library: South Branch - Spanish	Orange County Public Library: Garden Grove Regional Branch - Korean
Escondido Public Library: East Valley Branch - Spanish	Riverside Public Library: Central Branch - Spanish
Fresno County Library: Cedar-Clinton Neighborhood Branch - Spanish	San Bernardino County Library: Montclair - Spanish
Kerman Branch - Punjabi	San Bernardino Public Library: Dorothy Inghram Branch - Spanish
Riverdale Branch - Spanish	San Francisco Public Library: Main Branch - Russian
Glendale Public Library: Central Branch - Spanish	San Juan Bautista City Library - Spanish
Kern County Library: Baker Branch - Spanish	San Leandro Public Library: Main Branch - Vietnamese
Long Beach Public Library: Burnett Branch - Khmer	Santa Ana Public Library: Central Branch - Vietnamese
Mark Twain Branch - Spanish	Santa Cruz City/County Library: Bookmobile - Spanish
County of Los Angeles Public Library: Baldwin Park Branch - Spanish	South Pasadena Public Library: Main - Spanish
Hawthorne Branch - Spanish	Stanislaus County Public Library: Modesto Branch - Cambodian
Monrovia Public Library - Spanish	Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library: Cesar Chavez Central Branch - Tagalog
Monterey County Public Library: San Ardo Station Branch - Spanish	Sutter County Library - Spanish
San Lucas Station Branch - Spanish	Yuba County Library - Spanish
Seaside Community Branch – Spanish	

Contact: Kathy Low, Human Resources Consultant, Library Development Services, California State Library, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA, 94237-0001, tel. (916) 653-6822.

A:\newsletter.978.kc